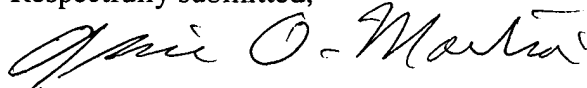


The examiner promised that a non-final Office Action on the merits will be issued soon.

Please contact applicant's representative if you have any questions.

No other fees are believed due at this time, however, please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to deposit account number 10-0435 with reference to our attorney docket number (21726/90386)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice O. Martin".

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